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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 1,385,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on March 1, 2011, down 1 percent from February 1, 2011 and down 1 percent from March 1, 2010. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 650,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 735,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year.

Placements during February totaled 126,000 head, a decrease of 31 percent from last month and down 15 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 71,000 head, down 24 percent from last month and down 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head. This is down 39 percent from last month and down 23 percent from last year.

Marketings for February were 139,000 head, down 7 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 79,000 head, up 14 percent from last month and up 22 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 60,000 head, down 25 percent from last month and down 23 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 7,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.4 million head on March 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above March 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 1 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 489,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 410,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.79 million, 4 percent above 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 12 percent below 2010.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Cattle on Feed, February 1, 2011	660	745	1,405
February Placements	71	55	126
February Marketings	79	60	139
February Other Disappearance	2	5	7
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2011	650	735	1,385

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

[Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.]

State	Cattle on Feed March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Arizona	286	269	94	21	29	138	24	25	104	1	1	100
California	425	460	108	51	43	84	48	50	104	8	3	38
Colorado	940	1,070	114	160	215	134	175	210	120	5	5	100
Idaho	195	220	113	36	31	86	40	40	100	1	1	100
Iowa	610	650	107	78	71	91	65	79	122	3	2	67
Kansas	2,220	2,220	100	405	365	90	415	405	98	10	10	100
Nebraska	2,350	2,430	103	365	350	96	370	365	99	15	15	100
Oklahoma	355	360	101	54	60	111	62	73	118	2	2	100
South Dakota ..	240	260	108	52	42	81	44	50	114	3	2	67
Texas	2,650	2,840	107	365	380	104	400	405	101	15	15	100
Washington	168	208	124	30	31	103	27	30	111	1	2	200
Other States ...	410	407	99	57	47	82	46	61	133	4	2	50
United States .	10,849	11,394	105	1,674	1,664	99	1,716	1,793	104	68	60	88

¹Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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